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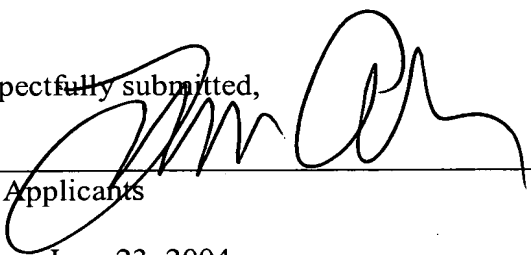
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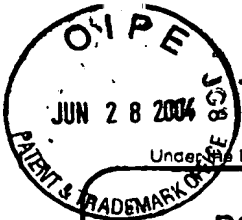
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| U.S. Applic. No. | Filing Date | Title   |
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| 09/970,240       | 10/03/01    | Stapling Method and Apparatus                           |
| 09/994,741       | 11/28/01    | Binding Process for Manufacturing Brochures             |
| 10/080,355       | 02/21/02    | Method and System for Printing and Binder Folded...     |
| 10/079,690       | 02/20/02    | Wire Feed Device  |
| 10/207,535       | 07/29/02    | Device and Method for Automatic Processing of ...       |
| 09/994,742       | 11/28/01    | Binding Apparatus and Method                            |
| 10/207,497       | 07/29/02    | Apparatus and Process for Cutting Sheet-Shaped ...      |
| 10/207,570       | 07/29/02    | Apparatus and Process for Transporting Sheet-Shaped ..  |
| 10/268,850       | 10/10/02    | Binding Element and Method for Binding a Stack ...      |
| 09/994,743       | 11/28/01    | Apparatus and Method for Segmented Bending of ...       |
| 10/207,492       | 07/29/02    | Apparatus and Process for Producing Different Hole ...  |
| 10/318,911       | 12/13/02    | Device for Detecting Edges of Sheet-Shaped Materials    |
| 10/207,558       | 07/29/02    | Apparatus and Process for Digital Tool Recognition ...  |
| 10/443,521       | 05/22/03    | Wire Comb Binding Element Method and Device             |
| 10/443,480       | 05/22/03    | Method and Device for Stacking Materials in Sheet ...   |
| 10/447,741       | 05/29/03    | Method and Device for Transporting and Rotating ...     |
| 10/612,352       | 07/02/03    | Method and Device for Rotary Processing of Materials    |
| 10/607,602       | 06/27/03    | Device for Stacking Sheet-Shaped Materials on ...       |
| 10/673,616       | 09/29/03    | Apparatus for Securing Stacks of Sheet-Shaped ...       |
| 10/677,437       | 10/02/03    | Device for Transporting and Aligning Stacks of Sheet... |
| 10/677,599       | 10/02/03    | Device and Method for Handling Flat Wire Binding ...    |
| 10/673,309       | 09/29/03    | Device for Securing Stacks of Sheet-Shaped Materials .. |
| 10/673,304       | 09/29/03    | Wire Spool and Remaining Wire Detection Method          |
| 10/785,212       | 02/24/04    | Method and Device for Alignment of Individually ...     |
| 10/790,443       | 03/01/04    | Device for Transporting Sheet-Shaped Materials          |
| 10/803,202       | 03/18/04    | Device for Guiding Flat Materials                       |
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| 09/994,741       | 11/28/01    | Binding Process for Manufacturing Brochures             | 012758/0186                |            |
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